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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of I.J. Gardner, who passed away on February 16, 2009; and

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WHEREAS, I.J. Gardner was born on October 29, 1949 in Mendenhall, Mississippi; his parents were K.C. and Lillie Gardner; and

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WHEREAS, I.J. Gardner attended Farragut High School, the University of Illinois Circle Campus, and Haverford College in Pennsylvania, where he graduated with a master's degree in journalism; and

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WHEREAS, I.J. Gardner served as a precinct captain and was an employee of the City of Chicago's Department of Streets and Sanitation, where he made many friends; and

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WHEREAS, I.J. Gardner confessed his faith in Christ at an early age; he was baptized at St. Peter M.B. Church, where he attended until he and his family moved to Chicago and he united with First Baptist Church; and

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WHEREAS, I.J. Gardner was preceded in death by his father, K.C., and his brother, Milton; and

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1 WHEREAS, I.J. Gardner is survived by his mother, Lillie;
2 his sons, Ikari and Daevion; his grandsons, Ikari, Jr.,
3 Javonte, and Theodric; his brothers, Kasey and Jim; his
4 sisters, Peggie, Sandra, and Glenda; his uncles, George, James,
5 Ray, and Timmy; his aunts, Vernie and Hazel; his special
6 cousin, Naomi; and his many nieces, nephews, in-laws, and
7 friends; therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SIXTH GENERAL
9 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with
10 his family and friends, the passing of I.J. Gardner; and be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
13 presented to the family of I.J. Gardner as an expression of our
14 sympathy.